

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 17, through page 2, line 2, delete the paragraphs.

Page 4, after line 25, insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 5, line 13, insert the following paragraphs:

The porous carbon substrate of the invention is convenient to handle. The porous carbon substrate of the invention can be wound as a roll. Therefore, when the porous carbon substrate of the invention is used to produce a product, the porous carbon substrate of the invention can be unwound from a roll package by a required length and can be supplied to a production process.

Furthermore, the porous carbon substrate of the invention has such a feature that the separation at the interfaces where the short carbon fibers and the carbonized resin are bound to each other and the cracking of the carbonized resin slightly occurs.

The porous carbon substrate of the invention can be preferably used as a gas diffusion material of a solid polymeric fuel cell.

Page 5, line 14, delete the heading.

Page 17, line 23, amend the heading to read ~~THE BEST MODES FOR CARRYING~~
~~OUT~~ **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**